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Town Election is April 10

Annual Town Elections will be held Saturday April 10
Polls will be open from 7:00am until 8:00pm

Precinct 1: Dedham Town Hall

Precinct 2: Riverdale School

Precinct 3: Motherbrook Arts & Community Center

Precincts 4 & 6: Dedham Middle School

Precincts 5 & 7: Greenlodge School

We encourage safe distancing and face coverings at all polling locations.

For more information [please click here](#) or contact Paul Munchbach at pmunchbach@dedham-ma.gov or 781-751-9201



Homebound Vaccination Program

If you believe you need an in-home vaccination, please contact the Homebound Vaccination Central Intake Line at [\(833\) 983-0485](tel:8339830485).

Representatives are available **Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. Representatives are available in both English and Spanish, and also have access to translators for over 100 languages.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



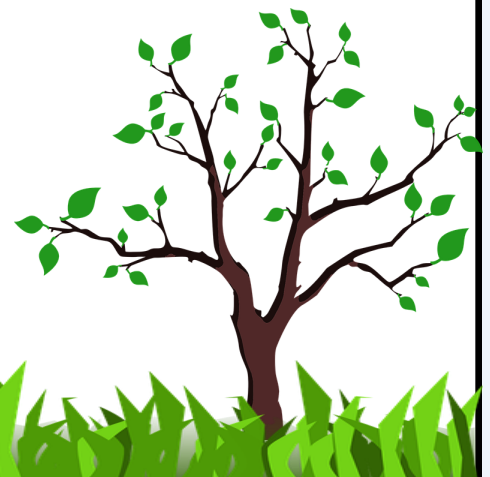
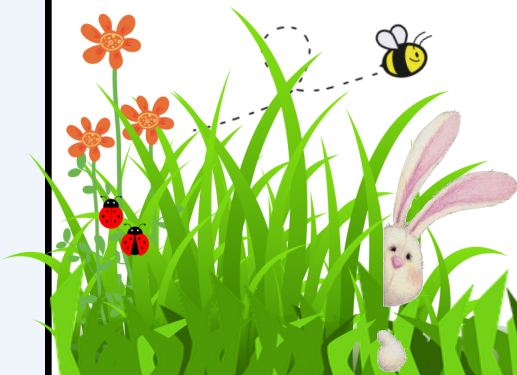
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Public meetings are being postponed or held remotely. The state's Open Meeting Law has been modified to enable local governments to carry out essential functions during the COVID-19 outbreak per the governor's emergency order. Please refer to [the Town calendar](#) to join a public meeting remotely by using the links or dial-in instructions published in the meeting's agenda.

Residents are encouraged to visit the website, dedhamcovid19.com, for all town updates as the COVID-19 situation develops. Visitors can subscribe via email to receive notifications for new posts.

Locally, residents are always encouraged to contact the Dedham Health Department at 781-751-9220 with any questions or concerns.

By continuing to practice social distancing, regular handwashing, and wearing a face covering, we can ensure that our return to the new normal is not delayed.



Dedham Welcomes Two New Employees to Town

Kylee Sullivan, Health Director

Coming from Arlington as the Health Compliance Officer for five years, Kylee Sullivan brings seven years of public health experience to Dedham as our new Health Director. To ensure the health and well-being of this community, Kylee is aiming to provide residents with the tools to safely re-open while minimizing COVID-19 risk and be a resource for all. Kylee is excited to collaborate with other town departments and local community organizations and stakeholders to bring public health to the forefront of Dedham.



Now that we are over a year into this pandemic, Kylee wants us to remember these key tips that will help us keep ourselves, our families, our friends, and our neighbors safe:

- 1. Wear a mask.**
- 2. Stay 6 feet apart.**
- 3. Wash your hands.**
- 4. Stay home if you feel sick.**

During her spare time, Kylee enjoys trips to the Arnold Arboretum to explore, playing board games, and winning a few games of pond hockey against her friends. Go Kylee!

Her go-to quote to stay motivated: ***“If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.” – Milton Berle***

Dedham Welcomes Two New Employees to Town

Gayle McCracken, Director of Human Resources

The newest member to the team is Gayle McCracken, our Director of Human Resources. Joining us from the Wellesley School Department as the Human Resources Director for the past seven years, Gayle brings to Dedham over 30 years of experience in human resources and almost 20 years in local government. Gayle is excited to join Dedham and help continue to engage with employees and the community. By kickstarting wellness initiatives and increasing the use of various tools, Gayle hopes to help support the overall wellbeing of all Town staff by providing access to various health resources and programs, and to incorporate the existing technology used in town to give employees more access to their data. Over the past year during the pandemic, Gayle was able to work quickly and efficiently to support educators in Wellesley to work remotely and in the classroom to ensure a seamless transition for students and families. At the end of the day, Gayle strives to always be a reliable resource for all employees.

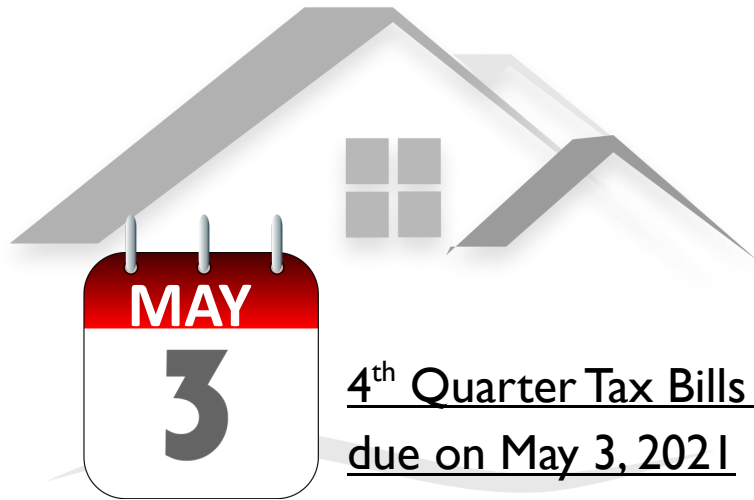


When not at work, Gayle can be found playing the piano, spending time outdoors with her family and friends, enjoying time on the water, and of course playing with her dog.

To stay motivated, Gayle always says to ***“Look for the good in people. If you look for the good in people, you will be happier and feel more energized”***.

Welcome to Dedham, Kylee and Gayle!

Assessors Office



4th Quarter Tax Bills have been mailed out and are due on May 3, 2021



Dedham Parks and Recreation

presents

The Great Outdoors Scavenger Hunt



The rules are simple:

1. Once a week, for 8 weeks, we will be posting a picture of an object or an area of our parks, along with a clue as to where it is located.
2. Once you find the object, take a picture of it, and submit it using the form below, along with your name (first and last) and contact information (email preferred).
3. We will randomly select one winner every Friday from those who submit a picture of the correct object or area of our parks. The winner will be contacted and their name and submitted photo will be announced on this website and on our social media.
4. One submittal per individual per week.
5. Submittals must be received by end of day Thursday.

[Click here to play!](#)



Council on Aging

St. Patrick's Day Social at Endicott Estate!

The Dedham Council on Aging has continued our outdoor coffee socials and we were very lucky to have a beautiful day for our St. Patrick's Day Social!

We had the pleasure of Sheriff McDermott entertaining us with Irish songs, and enjoyed delicious scones from an Irish bakery and lots of sunshine!



Please join us as we continue with our outdoor activities.



Dedham Fire Department



Dedham Welcomes New Firefighters

Dedham welcomed five new Firefighters to the Department with a swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

The new members of the Dedham Fire Department are Jared Hunt, Michael McFarland, Bernie Girard, Ron Pucci and John O'Connell. *(Shown L-R in picture.)*



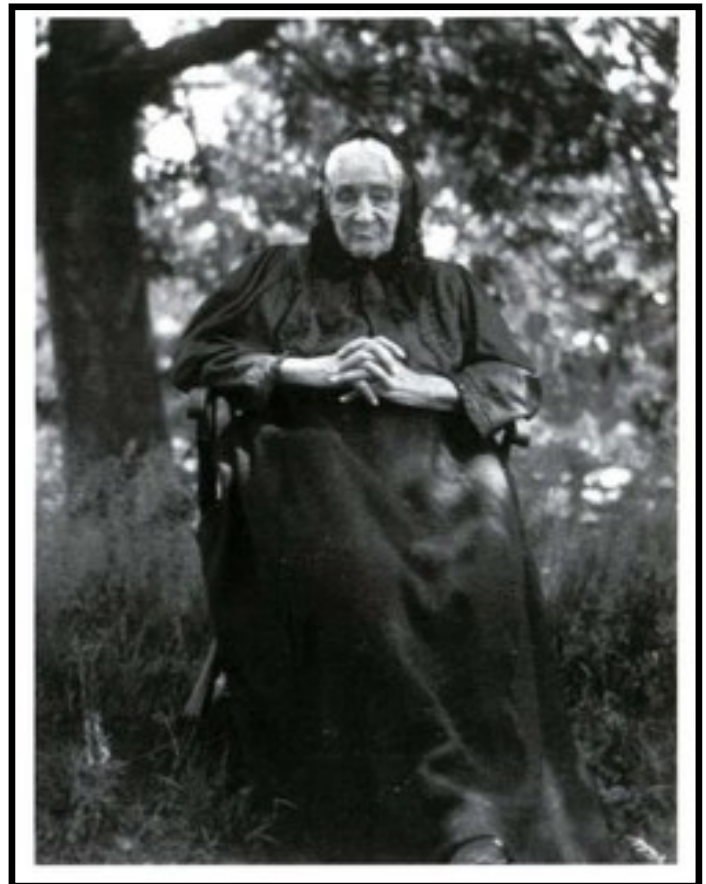
Dedham Historical Society & Museum

Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Adding the Reality Back In; or Why You Can't Talk About the History of Dedham, Massachusetts, Without Indigenous Peoples

Through an overview of centuries of history, this webinar will examine the experiences of Indigenous nations and individuals in the historic and contemporary borders of what is now Dedham. Contextualized in town and regional history, and in larger themes of colonialism, warfare, kinship, and town identity, Indigenous experiences add to a more complete and complex understanding of Dedham's overarching history. [Click here to register.](#)

Questions? Call 781.326.1385.



Eunice Russ Ames Davis, Afro-Indigenous abolitionist and activist. (Image circa 1890-1901, Dedham.)

Department of Public Works



Updates from DPW

We had two bid openings this week. On Wednesday, March 31 we had a bid opening for the Howe Lot iron fence restoration project and the apparent low bidder is Wovensteel Inc. We are currently checking their references. This will be a big step for the Old Village Cemetery!

On April 1 we opened bids for our complete streets project and the apparent low bidder is RJV. We are currently checking their references. This project will install continuous sidewalks on Eastern Ave. with a crosswalk and flashing beacons from East St. to Rte. 1 and will also install crosswalks and flashing beacons on East St. at Barrows St. and East St. at Clark St.



We hope to start both these projects in April.

Department of Public Works

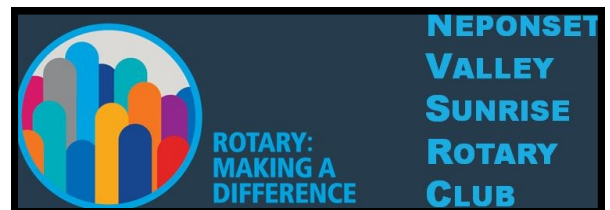


Updates from DPW

Our quest to reduce recycling contamination continues and the towns recycling will be audited in April. **Yard Waste collection begins on your recycling week April 19th.**

Please remember that plastic bags, garden hoses, and textiles do not belong in recycling. Those items should be thrown away separately.

The Neponset Valley Sunrise Rotary Club and the Sustainability Committee will be hosting a recycling day **on Saturday April 24th at the Dedham Middle School from 8am - 12pm.** There will be electronic recycling, Styrofoam, bikes, textiles, and we are also working on a miscellaneous metal recycler. Keep an eye out for the flyer and please follow the [DedhamDPW Twitter](#) and [Facebook pages](#) for more details.



Ames Street and Bridge St construction project will be going full force in April.

Visit the [DPW website](#), follow DPW on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter \(@DedhamDpw\)](#) for more updates.



If you have any issues that you would like to report to us please enter our [work order requests](#) online

Department of Public Works



Improvements to Historic Cemeteries

In preparation of the spring season, we have done many projects at the Brookdale Cemetery including asphalt patching, loam and seeding, and repair to poor drainage areas.

The front path at the Old Village Cemetery will be replaced this April and we hope to have tree plantings completed this spring.



Please Help Keep Dedham Clean!

The Department of Public Works has started its seasonal town wide sweeping program. We will be sweeping all streets, schools, and town lots. This should be completed in mid to late April, weather permitting. The DPW has also been repairing, replacing, and continuously cleaning our catch basins. Please try to keep these basins clear of debris and do not put pet waste in catch basins. These catch basins are our protection from trash and debris entering our ecosystem.



Department of Public Works



Our team has been repairing and replacing catch basins, installed a new drain line on Puritan Lane, is clearing brush, filling potholes, replacing and installing new signs, making a schedule with our contractors for our roads project, along with many other miscellaneous tasks.

Our Shared Streets project on Cedar Street has been to install a new sidewalk from Madison St. to the Cedar Street Bridge on one side which began on Monday March 29th. This project will involve a new concrete sidewalk, new granite curbing, new accessible crosswalks and ramps, and trees will be offered to the residents. This sidewalk will now allow people to walk from Oakdale Sq., Oakdale School, Sprague St., or the Endicott Com-muter Rail station safely without having to cross the street.



Engineering Department



Elm Street & Rustcraft Rd. Sidewalk Improvements Project

The Town was involved in a preconstruction meeting for MassDOT's Elm Street & Rustcraft Road Sidewalk Improvements Project. The proposed project was submitted and approved by MassDOT's as part of their Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) back in 2015. As an approved TIP project, the Town was responsible for hiring a consultant to complete the design to MassDOT standards and then MassDOT is responsible for the oversight and funding for the construction portion of the project. MassDOT put the project out for bid this past winter and the project was awarded to RM Pacella, Inc. from Plainville, MA. The project will consist of the construction of a new concrete sidewalk on both sides of Elm Street and Rustcraft Road from Fox Drive to the Kiss N' Ride drop-off/pick-up location. From there a new concrete sidewalk will be installed on the commuter rail side of Rustcraft Rd from the Kiss N' Ride and transition to the opposite side of Rustcraft Road as it approached Fairbank's Field. The corridor improvement will also include accommodation for bicycles.

The project is slated to start in the next few months. Thirty days prior to commencing construction, the contractor is required by MassDOT to organize a public meeting to discuss the project and their potential schedule. When this meeting is scheduled, we ask that they publish it the local newspapers and we will push out the notice via the Town's website and social media outlets. Once the contractor provides a schedule the Town will construct a webpage under the Engineering Department where anyone will be able to come and see what is scheduled in the upcoming weeks, photos of the ongoing project and project plans. The Town will attend all MassDOT project meetings and gather up to date scheduling information to updating the website. We will also have a list of contacts at MassDOT should anyone have any questions or concerns as the project progresses.

Please find and follow the Engineering Department on Twitter at [@tod_engineering](https://twitter.com/tod_engineering).

The Engineering Department will be utilizing this Twitter account to post information related to our stormwater system and what we all can do as a Town to improve the water quality of waterways and natural resources.



Engineering Department



2021 Wet Weather Sewer Inspections

Last month the Town awarded the 2021 Sewer On-Call Services Contract to National Water Main Cleaning Company. As part of the contract, National Water Main is responsible for this year's wet weather inspections.

The wet season in MA typically runs from March through May when the groundwater is at its highest. This allows us to inspect our sewer mains to observe if any of the groundwater (Infiltration) is entering the sewer system. Infiltration does not belong in our sewer system as it reduces the capacity at which our sewer mains can handle wastewater, and it also costs all of the Town's sewer customers, through your sewer bill, to have this clean water transported and treated by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). We will use this information to create a workorder for National Water Main to line these leaking sewer mains to keep the infiltration out our sewer system under this same contract. Over the next few months you may see National Water Main Trucks in your neighborhood if you live in the areas of Greenlodge, Dedham Square, Riverdale (north of Needham St) and Rustcraft Road.





MassDOT Project #608587– Bridge St. (Route 109) & Ames St.

After a winter hiatus, MassDOT is continuing their project starting on March 29th. The project limits are along the State Highway's portions of Bridge Street (Dedham Town Line to Ames Street) and Ames Street (Bridge Street to Ames Street Bridge). The project work includes minor roadway widening, sidewalk reconstruction, resurfacing the roadway, re-striping the roadway and reconstruction of the signal at Bridge/Ames Street intersection. The project will include creating ADA-compliant ramps and include designating 5 to 6-foot wide shoulders as bike lanes. The project is anticipated to be completed by the Spring of 2023.

For questions or concerns related to MassDOT's project, please contact the MassDOT Field Office personnel:

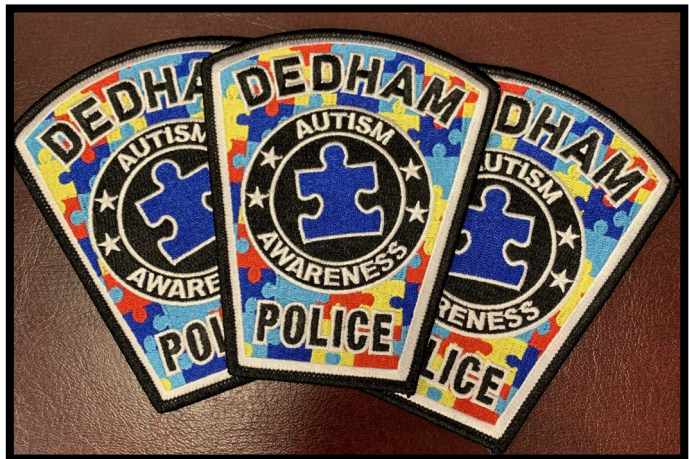
- Donny Dailey, MassDOT Government Affairs, Donny.dailey2@dot.state.ma.us
- Kevin Fuller, MassDOT Resident Engineer, Kevin.Fuller@dot.state.ma.us

Dedham Police Department



The Dedham Police Autism Awareness Patch is Now Available!

For the first time, the Dedham Police Department participated in the Autism Police Patch Program. A special patch was designed to increase awareness and acceptance of Autism. Patches can be purchased for \$10 each to benefit the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. The Flutie Foundation reinvests contributions into safety programs focused on keeping people and families affected by Autism safe in their community. Patches have been selling fast. We look forward to participating in similar patch programs in the future.



Patches can be purchased for \$10 each to benefit the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. If you would like to purchase a patch, please contact:

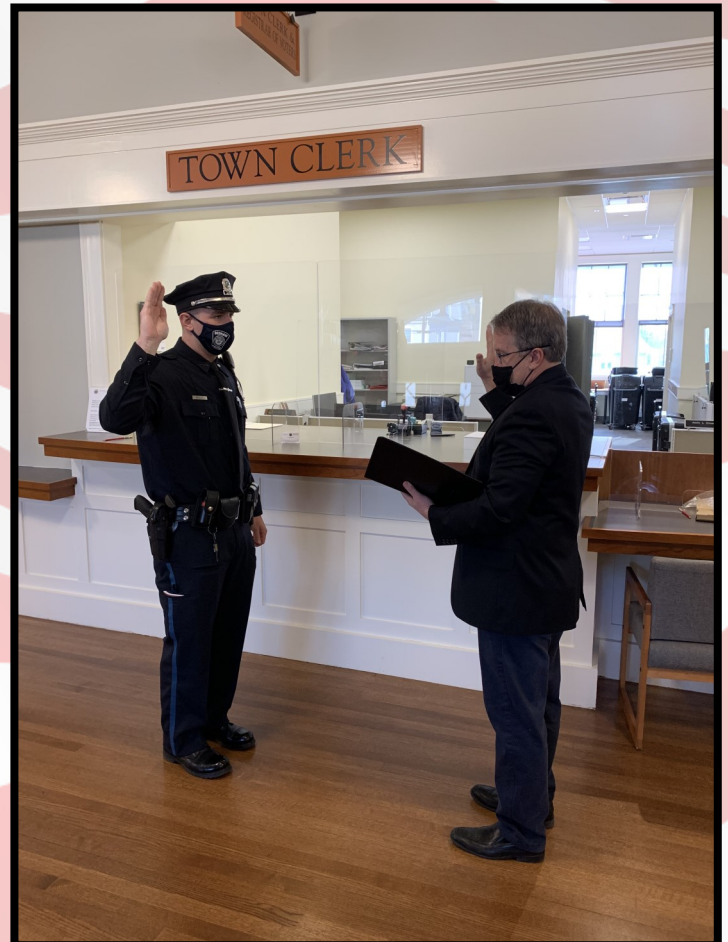
- School Resource Officer Jason Sullivan jsullivan@police.dedham-ma.gov
- School Resource Officer Neil Cronin ncronin@police.dedham-ma.gov
- Chief Michael d'Entremont mdentremont@police.dedham-ma.gov

Dedham Police Department



Congratulations And Welcome to Officer Rahilly!

Officer Michael Rahilly graduated from the 32 Recruit Officer Course at the Reading Police Academy on March 5, 2021. Officer Rahilly is a graduate of Dedham High School. While at Dedham High School he played hockey and lacrosse. Officer Rahilly has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Bridgewater State College. Prior to joining the Police Department, Officer Rahilly had worked in the Information Technology field and part time as a Civilian Dispatcher for the Town of Dedham.



Dedham Police Department



ProPhoenix Software

The Dedham Police Department has been working on a migration to new police Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management software. After approximately 30 years using the previous software, the Department is migrating to Pro Phoenix software. This software is robust with features and reporting options. This is a significant undertaking to migrate data, configure the software and train staff on use of the software. During March, police officers, dispatchers and civilian personnel participated in train the trainer training. We hope to be converted over to the new software sometime this summer.





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